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Health Report for 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the Northwich
Urban District Council.

I beg to submit the following statement of essential matters affecting the Public Health of the Town during the year 1948.

Section A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,137 acres
Population — Registrar General's latest estimate of population	...	...	...	...	...	...	19,230
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1948)	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,467
Rateable value (December, 1948)	...	...	...	...	...	...	£122,107
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£477 14s. 10d.

The following extracts from vital statistics of the year relate to net births and deaths after correction for inward and outward transfers by the Registrar-General.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births	{ Legitimate....	330	181	149	{ Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population... 18·09
	{ Illegitimate...	18	10	8	
Stillbirths	{ Legitimate ...	11	5	6	{ Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births ... 30·64
	{ Illegitimate...	—	—	—	
Deaths...	...	215	111	104	Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population ... 11·18

Deaths from puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's Short List):—

	Deaths.	Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births.
No. 29 Puerperal Sepsis
No. 30 Other puerperal causes
Total

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	28·73
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	30·30
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	—
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	·41
„ „ Measles (all ages)	...	—
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	1
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	1

The following tables compares the main statistics for 1948 with the years 1939—1947:—

	Popu- lation	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Death Rate	No. of Deaths from Cancer	No. of Deaths from Tubercu- losis
1939.	19,270	14·16	12·76	54·54	39	10
1940.	18,730	14·89	14·48	73·68	32	16
1941.	18,690	15·14	11·28	48·44	28	13
1942.	18,290	15·14	11·31	57·76	33	9
1943.	18,130	18·42	12·18	47·90	32	7
1944.	18,070	17·43	14·27	41·26	40	13
1945.	18,130	19·02	13·67	60·86	32	8
1946.	19,150	21·14	12·95	46·91	38	13
1947.	19,580	20·02	11·54	40·81	32	1
1948.	19,230	18·09	11·18	28·73	41	9

CAUSES OF DEATH — 1948.
(Taken from the Registrar-General's Tables).

	MALES.	FEMALES	TOTAL.
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—
2. Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
4. Whooping Cough...	1	—	1
5. Diphtheria...	—	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	5	1	6
7. Other Tubercular Diseases	1	2	3
8. Syphilitic Diseases	—	—	—
9. Influenza	1	—	1
10. Measles	—	—	—
11. Ac. Polio-myel : and Polio-enceph :	—	—	—
12. Ac. : inf : enceph :	—	—	—
13. Cancer of B : cav : & oesoph (M) uterus (F)	2	3	5
14. Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	8	10
15. Cancer of Breast	—	6	6
16. Cancer of all other sites	15	5	20
17. Diabetes	—	1	1
18. Intra-cran : vasc : lesions	11	10	21
19. Heart Diseases	31	33	64
20. Other circulatory diseases	5	11	16
21. Bronchitis	6	—	6
22. Pneumonia	4	2	6
23. Other Respiratory Diseases	1	2	3
24. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	4	1	5
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1	—	1
26. Appendicitis	—	1	1
27. Other digestive diseases...	1	3	4
28. Nephritis	2	4	6
29. Puerperal Sepsis	—	—	—
30. Other Maternal Causes	—	—	—
31. Premature Birth	1	2	3
32. Congenital debility and Malformations	2	2	4
33. Suicide	—	—	—
34. Road Traffic Accidents	2	—	2
35. Other Violent Causes	2	—	2
36. All other Causes	11	7	18
	111	104	215

Section B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(A) Provided by the District Council.

(1) Staff.

W. S. Slater, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health	(Services shared with the other 3 Mid- Cheshire Districts and since July 5th with the County Council as Divisional M.O. and Regional Hospital Board as Medical Superintendent of Davenham Fever Hospital).
Sister I. D. Rogerson	Trained Nurse (Scabies and Diphtheria Immunisation).	(Services shared with the other 3 Mid- Cheshire Districts and since July 5th with the County Council.
Clerical Staff	1 person (whole-time).	(Services shared with the other 3 Mid- Cheshire Districts).
F. Armitage, M.S.I.A. & Cert. R.S.I. Meat & other Foods.	Whole-time Senior Sani- tary Inspector.	(Northwich Urban Dis- trict Council only).
F. Johnson, Cert. R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B., Cert. R.S.I. Meat & other Foods.	Whole-time Additional Sanitary Inspector.	-do-
F. Lamb.	Assistant to Sanitary Inspector. (At present studying for Royal Sanitary Institute Examination).	-do-

(2) Laboratory Facilities.

The old arrangements made with the Manchester Public Health Laboratory and with the County Analyst proved adequate during the early part of the year for the examination of water, milk and ice-cream supplies and pathological specimens of all descriptions. After 5th July these Services became "free" to the Council under the new Public Health Laboratory Service.

(3) **Ambulance Facilities.**

311 patients were removed by the Council's Ambulance Service up to the 4th July. The Ambulance Services were then transferred to the County Council under the day-to-day management of a local Divisional Health Committee. Under this new Committee the Public Ambulances of the district — 6 vehicles in all — were "pooled" and formed the nucleus of a County Service covering an area of some 100 sq. miles of Mid-Cheshire.

(4) **Davenham Isolation Hospital.**

The Davenham Isolation Hospital, Nr. Northwich, served adequately the needs of the District Council and admitted 37 Northwich Urban patients during 1948.

Since the 5th July this hospital has become the responsibility of the North and Mid Cheshire Hospital Management Committee working under the Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

(5) Details of the other Health Services, e.g. Sanitary and Housing Inspections, Food Examinations, etc., etc., provided by the Northwich Urban Council are recorded later in this report.

(B) **Provided by the County Council.**

The Cheshire County Council have Officers discharging duties in the Urban Area under the following Services:— School Medical, Maternity and Child Welfare, Vaccination, Tuberculosis, School Dental, Health Visiting, Domestic Help, Care and After Care, Weights and Measures Inspection, Specialist Services, e.g. Orthopaedic, Ophthalmic, Venereal Diseases, etc. In addition, the County have assumed responsibility for the Ambulance Services, Diphtheria Immunisation, etc. since the 5th July. County Maternity Services were provided in neighbouring Hospitals, e.g. West Park, Clatterbridge, Chester City Hospital and County Maternity Homes. These Institutions, after the 5th July, passed out of the control of the County Council to the Regional Hospital Boards.

The following is a summary of the main changes in the local Health Services which occurred during 1948 as the out-come of the National Health Service Act:—

The District Council, after the 5th July, were no longer responsible for:—

- (a) Diphtheria Immunisation.
- (b) Ambulance Services.
- (c) The provision of hospital accommodation for Infectious Diseases.
- (d) The provision of Diphtheria Antitoxin.
- (e) The cost of certain Laboratory facilities, etc. After the 5th July the following changes took place:—
Pathological specimens, e.g. Swabs. Faeces. Urine, Blood, Cerebro Spinal Fluid, Exudates and specimens

of food, milk, water, ice-cream, etc. for bacteriological examination, to be sent to the new Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath, Manchester. 10. (Tel. No. Collyhurst 2733).

Vaccine Imvph and Diphtheria Prophylactics also to be obtained from this Laboratory.

Specimens for examination for tubercle bacilli to be sent to Altrincham General Hospital.

Specimens for diagnosis of Venereal Disease to be examined at the York Place Laboratory, Manchester.

Reference has been made above to the newly formed local Divisional Health Committee; this body which acts under the auspices of the County Council is constituted as follows:—

18 County District Representatives from the four Mid-Cheshire District Councils.

9 County Council Representatives.

8 Co-opted Members.

The “Personal” Health Services which locally this Committee has, since the 5th July, 1948, undertaken certain responsibilities delegated to them by the County Council, are set out below:—

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| (1) Care of Mothers & Young Children Service | (N.H.S. Act. 1946. Sec. 22) |
| (2) Midwifery, Health Visiting & Home Nursing Services (.. .. .) | 23, 24 & 25) |
| (3) Vaccination & Immunisation Services | (.. .. . 26) |
| (4) Ambulance & Transport Service | (.. .. . 27) |
| (5) Prevention of Illness, Care & After Care Services ... | (.. .. . 28) |
| (6) Domestic Help Services ... | (.. .. . 29) |
| (7) Health Education & Mental Health Services. | |

Section C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supplies.—The Town’s Public Water Supply has been maintained during the year in a satisfactory condition. No known major extensions have been carried out within the Urban District of Northwich during the year.

During the course of the year 19 samples of the Town’s water supply were submitted to the Laboratories for Bacteriological or Chemical Examinations. All 19 samples were reported upon satisfactorily.

Swimming Bath.—3 bacteriological examinations of the water in the Town’s Swimming Bath were submitted to

the Manchester Public Health Laboratory and were reported upon as follows:—

Date	Report
22nd June, 1948.	Unsatisfactory.
27th July, 1948.	Unsatisfactory.
21st September, 1948.	Satisfactory.

During 1948 the Council made application to the Ministry of Health for sanction to install a Purification Plant at the Public Baths, but the application was refused. A further application was made later in the year and is now receiving favourable consideration by the Ministry.

Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal and Rivers Pollution—There is no change to report under this heading.

Closet Accommodation.—During 1948, 45 conversions of Pail Closets to the Water-carriage system were carried out. This, together with 48 houses demolished and vacated during the year, reduces the number of pails yet to be dealt with to 265 approximately, made up as follows:—

(1) Attached to properties previously scheduled for demolition	...	...	...	...	133
(2) Properties fit for conversions	...	...	...	...	132
					—
Total					265

Public Cleansing.—The routine work of refuse and salvage collection proceeded satisfactorily throughout the year.

The total amount of salvage and scrap disposed of during the twelve months ending 31st December, 1948 is set out herewith:—

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s.	d.
Waste Paper only	114	18	0	733	18	3½
Scrap, other than waste paper	143	1	0	318	1	5½
	257	19	0	1051	19	9

Recreational and Open Spaces.—During 1948 the following Young Children's Playgrounds have been maintained:—Ann Street, Dean Street, Queen Street and Darwin Street.

In addition, 2 new playgrounds were opened up — 1 in the Greenbank area, rear of Royle Place, and the other in the Winnington area, rear of Appleton Street.

Offensive Trades.—There are no alterations in the offensive trades in the district and no action has been found necessary.

Destruction of Rats and Mice.—During the year 1948, ten renewals of contracts for the destruction of rats and mice were issued to private owners. Minor infestations were satisfactorily treated, in addition to the Council's tips, sewers and sewage out-fall works.

Common Lodging Houses.—There is no change to record regarding the two licensed Common Lodging Houses in the district.

Licensed Camping Sites.—No licences were issued for camping sites in the Northwich Urban District during the year 1948.

Licences to Slaughter Animals.—During the year, 2 new licences were issued, the total number now in operation is 3.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Statement of Inspections made and Notices Issued.

(Based on a Statement made by the Sanitary Inspectors).

Nature of Inspections made	Num-ber.	Number of Notices served		Result of Service of Notices.			
		Statu-tory.	Infor-mal.	Notice compli-ed with	Remai-ning in hand.	Prosecutions.	
						Institu-ted.	Pend-ing.
1. Dwelling Houses, (general inspection)	846	34	106	124	16	..	..
2. Cellar Dwellings .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Back-to-Back Houses .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Tents' Vans, Sheds, etc.	180	..	12	12	..	..	..
5. Courts, Yards, Passages .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Pail Closets	265	..	16	16	..	..	..
7. Cesspools .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. House Drainage	154	15	67	70	12	..	..
9. Ditches, Watercourses, etc.	8	..	4	4	..	..	..
10. Offensive Accumulations .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11. Keeping of Animals	4	..	1	1	..	..	..
12. Offensive Trades	12	..	..	..	..	..	..
13. (a) Slaughterhouses (Public) .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" (Private)	48	..	..	..	..	..	..
(b) Other Places where food is produced or sold	220	..	8	6	2	..	..
14. Piggeries .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15. (a) Dairies	24	..	1	1	..	..	..
(b) Cowsheds	4	..	1	1	..	..	..
(c) Milkshops .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
16. (a) Factories	29	..	4	4	..	..	..
(b) Workshops	87	..	1	1	..	..	..
(c) Workplaces .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(d) Outworkers' Premises	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
17. Bakehouses (Overground)	30	..	7	7	..	..	..
" (Underground) .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
18. Common Lodging Houses	10	..	2	2	..	..	..
19. Houses let in Lodgings .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20. Smoke Observations	12	..	2	2	..	..	..
21. Canal Boats .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
22. Infectious Disease Inquiries and Revisits	64	..	..	..	..	..	..
23. Miscellaneous .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	2001	49	232	251	30	..	..

FACTORIES INSPECTION.

Premises.	Number on Register	Number of		
		In- spections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	29	28	6	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	87	30	12	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	7	22	3	—
Total	123	80	21	—

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1) ..	22	22	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	I	I	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	23	23	—	—	—

Section D. HOUSING.

The number of inspections made during the year by the Sanitary Inspectors was 846. Notices were served as found to be necessary.

The difficulties experienced in getting such notices complied with is readily understandable and need not be enlarged upon when one considers the high cost of repairs, low rents of properties concerned, shortage of certain materials and the reluctance of contractors to carry out work of this description.

During the year, 25 dwellings were represented under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936. Demolition Orders were made in 21 cases, undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation in 3 cases and an undertaking to carry out certain works before re-letting for human habitation accepted in one case.

It was found necessary for the Council to deal urgently with 4 dwellings as being in a dangerous condition. These dwellings were scheduled for action under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936. Court orders were made for demolition under Section 58 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The tenants of all vacated premises have been re-housed by the Council.

Provision of New Houses. — The Council's Housing Programme has been maintained in spite of the fact that this Council is compelled due to lack of building land within its own boundary to seek sites in the area of an adjoining Authority. Progress during the year under review reads as follows:—

- | | |
|--|-----|
| (1) New traditional three bedroom type houses erected by
Local Authority and tenanted during 1948 | 136 |
| (2) Shops with housing accommodation commenced and in
course of erection during 1948 | 6 |

Up to the end of 1948 the Council owned 561 houses made up as follows:

Pre-war houses	301
Post-war houses	260

As reported in my 1947 report, the Council has acquired 32 acres of land at Hartford Manor. Preliminary Roadworks and Sewerage Works were commenced during 1948. It is intended to erect 282 houses on this site of varying types with two to five bedrooms.

Section E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

During the year '61 samples of milk, being retailed in the area, were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, with the following results:—

(1) **For the presence of Tubercle Bacilli.**—Of the 13 samples submitted, 2 were found to contain these organisms. Veterinary Inspection of the herds concerned were carried out and one cow slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order.

(2) **For Cleanliness Tests.**—The 48 samples submitted for these tests were reported upon as follows:—

	Satisfac- tory	Part- satisfactory	Unsatis- factory
2 samples of Accredited Milk ...	1	1	—
25 Pasteurised Milk	22	2	1
6 T.T. (Past.) Milk	5	1	—
4 T.T. Milk ...	1	2	1
11 Ungraded Milk (as compared with Accredited Milk standards)	10	—	1

In addition, 24 satisfactory County Council reports were received on pasteurised milk being produced in the Town.

Milk (Special Designations) Order.—The number of licences issued for the year under this Order was as follows:—

Licence to pasteurise milk (H.T.S.T.)	...	...	...	1
Licence to use the designation "Tuberculin Tested" milk bottled on the premises	...	...	...	1
Licence to use the designation "Tuberculin Tested" milk not bottled on the premises	...	...	...	7
Licence to use the designation "Pasteurised"	...	...	...	3
Supplementary licences to use the designation "Tuberculin Tested"	...	...	...	2
				—
				14
				—

(b) **Meat.**—Since the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse in Northwich closed down on the 31st October, 1941, no slaughtering has taken place in the District.

The following is a summary of meat and other foods condemned during 1948:—

Pressed Beef	2½ lbs.	Walnuts	7 lbs.
Minced Meat	35 lbs.	Cucumbers	1 doz.
Meat, Milk, Veg., Fish and Fruit	811 tins	Prunes	69 lbs.
Wet Fish (Whiting, Cod, Herring)	10½ st.	Dates	69 lbs.
Smoked Fillet	2½ st.	Figs	52 lbs.
Kippers	38 st.	Oatmeal	152 lbs.
Fish Cakes	107	Oats	300 lbs.
Cheese (Trimmings)	10¾ lbs.	Shredded Wheat	16 pkts.
Butter	32 lbs.	'Friquix'	46 pkts.
Chocolate	252 lbs.	'Sweepat'	10 lbs.
		Bacon & Ham	56 lbs.

- (c) **Other Foods and Ice Cream.**—The inspection and registration where called for, of premises in which other foods, e.g. prepared meats, fried fish, etc., are prepared, has been conscientiously carried out during the year.

The position at the end of December, 1948 was as follows:—

Registered premises for the sale of Ice Cream	...	...	15
Registered premises for the sale and manufacture of Ice Cream	...	...	2
Registered premises for the frying of fish	...	...	20
Registered premises for the manufacture and sale of other prepared meats	...	...	22
			—
			59
			—

Ice Cream.—The Health Department took 2 samples of Ice Cream during the year and both were reported on satisfactorily.

In addition, the following, based upon a statement by the County Council Weights and Measures Inspectors, is a summary of other samples obtained in the Northwich Urban District during the year 1948:—

Name of Sample			Number obtained	No. adulterated or not up to the recognised standards of quality.	
Baking Powder	...	...	1	...	—
Borax (Powdered)	...	...	1	...	—
Butter	...	...	1	...	—
Carrot (Baby Food)	...	...	1	...	—
Cheese	...	...	1	...	—
Cooking Fat	...	...	1	...	—
Eucalyptus Oil	...	...	1	...	—
Fish Pastes	...	...	2	...	—
Gelatine	...	...	1	...	—
Gravy Browning	...	...	1	...	—
Iodine, Tincture of	...	...	1	...	—
Jams	...	...	1	...	—
Margarine	...	...	1	...	—
MILK (Fresh)	...	...	46	...	7
Sauce	...	...	1	...	—
Sausage Meat	...	...	1	...	—
Sausage (Beef)	...	...	2	...	2
Soup (Meat)	...	...	1	...	—
Toffees	...	...	2	...	—
Vinegar (Malt)	...	...	2	...	—
Zinc Ointment	...	...	1	...	—

Particulars of samples not up to standard :—

No. Sample.	Result of Analysis.	Remarks.
1. Milk	Naturally deficient in non-fatty solids, 2.3%	No. action.
2. Sausage (Beef)	Deficient in meat content to the extent of 50%	Informal sample see No. 7
3. Milk	Adulterated with 6.1% of Extraneous Water	Seller cautioned. See Nos. 5 & 6.
4. Milk	10% deficient in milk-fat	Seller cautioned. See Nos. 5 & 6.
5. Milk	10% deficient in fat & 4.3% deficient in non-fatty solids	Appeal to cow. Samples corresponding to Sample No. 3.
6. Milk	Naturally deficient in non-fatty solids to extent of 3.1%	
7. Sausage (Beef)	Deficient in meat content to extent of 56.6%	Seller prosecuted but Magistrates dismissed summons.
8. Milk	6.6% deficient in fat	Seller cautioned.
9. Milk	Adulterated with 7.6% of extraneous water	Prosecution pending.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

- (1) The incidence of Infectious Diseases was low, with the exception of Measles and Whooping Cough, as may be gathered from the following table:—

Incidence of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1948.

DISEASES.	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	TOTAL DEATHS
Scarlet Fever	27	25	—
Pneumonia	8	—	—
Measles	80	1	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	1	—
Erysipelas	2	1	—
Whooping Cough	61	1	1

Specimens submitted for Bacteriological Examination.

Examined for.	Number submitted	Result.	
		Positive	Negative
Diphtheria Bacilli	23	—	23
Hæmolytic Streptococci	14	6	8

(2) TUBERCULOSIS.

The table below details the ages of both new cases and deaths from both forms of Tuberculosis.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1948.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
1- 5 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-15 „ ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
15-25 „ ...	2	4	1	2	—	—	—	—
25-35 „ ...	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
35-45 „ ...	1	1	—	1	2	1	—	—
45-55 „ ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55-65 „ ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
65 and upwards ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	8	7	2	4	4	1	1	2

Number of patients on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of the years:—

1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
145	160	160	165	175	185	182	176	146	151

48 Sputum specimens were examined at the County Council's Laboratory during the year, 7 of which were reported on as positive.

(3) DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The progress made in the Northwich Urban Area under the Diphtheria Immunisation Scheme up to the 30th June, 1948 can be gathered from the following figures:—

	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948. (Up to 30th June, 1948).
Percentage of Children treated between 0-4 years of age inclusive	25·9%	35·7%	41·5%	44·8%	42·5%	44·3%	49·05%	50·68%
Percentage of Children treated between 5-14 years of age inclusive	83·4%	92·2%	78·1%	78·5%	79·8%	80·6%	77·65%	79·13%

The total number of children known to have received protective treatment in the Northwich Urban area up to 30th June, 1948 was 4,178 of whom 452 have received “booster” injections.

(4) SCABIES AND VERMINOUS INFESTATION.

The arrangements made in 1942 through the Joint M.O.H. Committee for the treatment of Scabies and Pediculosis patients worked very satisfactorily during 1948.

The steady reduction in the incidence of Scabies since 1942 can be gathered from the following:—

	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Cases of Scabies	684	376	222	157	127	77	30
Cases of Pediculosis	46	36	15	7	8	5	—
Total	730	412	237	164	135	82	30
No. of Households Involved	212	156	116	88	75	44	18

(5) DISINFECTION OF PREMISES.

The disinfection of 96 homes was carried out during the year as follows:—

For Vermin	...	...	...	...	...	60	houses
For Tuberculosis (plus steam disinfection of bedding)	...	...	...	...	...	6	„
For infectious diseases	...	...	...	...	...	30	„

I would like to say, in closing this report, how much I appreciate the help I have received from the Members of the Council and Officials in dealing with the various matters which have arisen during the year.

W. S. SLATER, M.B., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1949.

